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## PROHIBITION WINS IN STATE ELECTION 2 TO 1

Only Two Counties in Entire  
State Give Majority in  
Favor of Whiskey.

33,008 FOR; 14,111 AGAINST.

Thirteen Dispensary Counties Give  
Big Majority Against Sale of  
Whiskey.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—The state-wide prohibitionists won a decisive victory in the referendum election held yesterday, the vote at 11 o'clock standing more than 2 to 1 in favor of a dry state. With some ten thousand votes outstanding the totals at 11 o'clock were: For prohibition 33,008; against prohibition 14,111.

Of the 15 counties in which dispensaries are operated only two gave majority to local option. Charleston by an overwhelming vote, 2,535 to 281 went against prohibition. Dorchester went against prohibition. Dorchester favored local option by 13 votes, according to incomplete figures, the vote being 400 to 387. Union county, the only up-state county having the dispensary voted dry 3 to 1. The other dispensary counties giving majorities for prohibition are Aiken, Barnwell, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Florence, George town, Jasper, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg. Richland county sprang a surprise when it voted 1,120 for prohibition and 711 against. The city of Columbia went decisively for prohibition, four out of six wards going dry.

The election yesterday, in which only the qualified electors could participate means that the state will have a state-wide law against the manufacture and sale of liquor effective January first, 1916. Had the prohibitionists lost, the status quo would have been maintained. The total vote cast is estimated at 60,000. Although the returns are far from complete, here is no possibility of a change in the result. Whatever change there is will be merely as to the majority.

The result of the election surprised even the prohibitionists, for few among them had anticipated such a walk-over. In political circles here the vote is taken to indicate the disgust of the state with the old dispensary system which for years was one of the most corrupting influences in the politics of this state and which has been the cause of many a malodorous discussion and disclosure. Furthermore, men here interpret the election to mean that the state is set fast against the laxity in laws which has existed. It is freely stated in Richland county that the bizarre attitude of the blind tigers during recent years was a potent influence in the cause of prohibition. Their actions had become decidedly repellent as their activities for a long while were open and defiant.

## STRIKE VERGES ON RIOTING.

Things Looked Bad for a While on  
Main Street in Columbia.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Sept. 16.—A riot was narrowly averted on Main street, in front of the state house, this afternoon following the efforts of strikers to induce men who were running the street cars to leave their places. General Manager A. A. Wallace of the street railway, who had jumped on the street car, which was surrounded by the strikers and their sympathizers, struck H. A. Stack, a policeman, over the head with a switch rod, thinking that he was a member of the crowd trying to rush the car and attack him. A crowd which had gathered massed around the car and there were cheers and jeers when Mr. Wallace was carried off by the police to the station house. Later he was released under bond.

## Compulsory School Law.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 15.—Governor Henderson today signed the compulsory education bill, under which every child between eight and fifteen years old must attend school 10 days each year.

## U. S. COURT AT ROCK HILL.

Pleas of Guilty Cut the Session  
Quite Short.

Rock Hill Special to Charleston News and Courier, Sept. 15.—The initial session of the United States circuit court, which convened in this city Tuesday morning, was an unusually brief one, the court adjourning this morning. There being no jury cases the jurors were allowed to depart Tuesday afternoon. There were only five cases upon which true bills were found, and the defendants in these all pleaded guilty. The officials expressed themselves as highly pleased with the court quarters here, saying that they were all that could be desired.

## BRITISH SHIPPERS GET CONCESSIONS

Reported That Private Interests in  
England Have Obtained Permits  
Not Granted Americans.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Consul General Skinner at London was directed by cable today to inquire into reports that private interests in England again have been obtaining permits for shipment to America from neutral ports of German or Austrian goods, a privilege still withheld from the state department foreign trade advisers acting informally as representatives of American importers generally.

Great Britain informed the department September 6 that an arrangement would be put into effect within a few days whereby applications through the foreign trade advisers would be received at the British embassy here for relaxation of the orders in council in specific cases to permit the shipment from neutral ports of goods actually contracted for by Americans before the effective day of the order. The arrangement is held up, however, while the trade advisers are being flooded with applications.

No official explanation has been given, though it is said in British circles that approval by France is awaited, and that details of the plan have not yet been worked out.

Some time ago it was learned that persons in London were securing concessions not granted to all American importers and the protest that followed resulted in the promised arrangement to have this matter handled entirely through the foreign trade advisers and the British embassy here.

## OPERATING STREET CARS.

No Regular Schedule, However, in  
Columbia Yet.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, Sept. 15.—For the first time since Friday street cars were run in Columbia today. There was no regular schedule and only a few cars were run. These were manned by inspectors and men whom the company had hired locally. Regular running of the cars will begin in the morning, according to announcement here this afternoon.

No excitement attended the running of the cars today. The strikers are standing firm, and the company is going ahead hiring other men. They advertised this morning that they would hire motormen and conductors within the state, and it was understood here this afternoon that they had succeeded in getting enough employees to run all of the cars tomorrow.

Whether any of the striking carmen will break ranks and return to work is not known, but it is accepted here that the strike is over.

## CHARLESTON WOMAN TALKS.

Miss Frost Speaks on Woman Suffrage at 'Frisco.

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—While attending the sessions of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which began here today at the Illinois building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, Miss Susan P. Frost of Charleston, S. C., said that the Congressional Union in South Carolina was founded two years ago, with forty-three members, and was now four hundred strong.

"I am in favor of the federal amendment," she said, "because I realize the humiliation of living among those of another race whom Congress has reached out to enfranchise, while persistently ignoring the demands of the American women of this republic."

## BRITISH WAR BILL EXTREMELY HEAVY

Asquith Moves in House of Com-  
mons for Credit of 250,000.-  
000 Pounds Sterling.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Premier Appeals to Women to  
Help in Manufacture of Munitions  
of War.

London, Sept. 15.—Premier Asquith, in the house of commons, and Earl Kitchener, secretary for war, in the house of lords, gave an exhaustive survey today of the financial and military situations, both making candid statements of what has been done and of preparations "for carrying the war to a successful conclusion."

Both houses were crowded with members and spectators, who followed with deep interest Mr. Asquith's plain and business-like statement in asking for another vote of credit, which finally passed, and which brings the total to \$6,310,000,000, and to Earl Kitchener's reading of a carefully prepared and optimistic speech on the military operations and needs.

The premier had to deal with huge figures to explain the financing of the war, and warned his hearers that, although the expenditure was now more than \$17,500,000 daily, there was a likelihood of its increasing, owing to the advance to the allies and to the dominions—which had reached \$1,250,000,000—and provision for munitions.

## APPEALS TO WOMEN.

Since the war began nearly three million men, he said, had enlisted in the army and navy. Besides, 800,000 persons were now engaged in the manufacture of munitions. But both figures will have to be increased, and he appealed to the women to give their assistance, believing they would make "a gigantic stride towards the solution of one of the most pressing problems."

Mr. Asquith candidly admitted that mistakes had been made, and added: "I do not say even now that we are doing all we might or even all we ought to do."

He protested, however, against the attempts of a section of the press "to belittle and disparage our efforts."

After reviewing the operations in Flanders, the Dardanelles and Poland, Mr. Asquith declared that the country had vastly exceeded any standard dreamed of before the war. As the war went on, however, that standard would rise, and new sacrifices would be demanded in men, munitions and money.

A discussion on the question of conscription followed the premier's speech, and the house finally granted the vote asked for.

## COLLEGES AT GREENVILLE.

Record Attendance at Furman and  
Woman's College.

Greenville Special to Charleston News and Courier, Sept. 15.—Furman University and the Greenville Woman's College, both opened their doors for the annual fall term this morning to the largest attendance in the history of either institution. Regular classes will begin in both tomorrow morning.

The Woman's College announced last night that all dormitory space had been taken and that only a few more girls could be accommodated without making additional room, which will be done in case of an increase.

Dr. Poteat announced from Furman last night that the largest attendance of freshmen in the history of the college had been enrolled, there being seventy-five. There is a good attendance of old students as well.

## Arthur Williams Dead.

London, Sept. 15.—Arthur Williams, the comedian, died this evening at his residence in this city.

Arthur Williams was born in London, December 9, 1844, and made his first appearance on the stage on 1851. On the completion of his 50 years upon the stage in 1911 he had played over 1,000 parts.

## AMERICANS ADVISED TO GET OUT OF MEXICO

Consuls in Northern Mexico In-  
structed to Notify American  
Citizens to Withdraw.

CONSULS MAY ALSO LEAVE

The Villa Agency at Washington  
Resents Action of State De-  
partment.

Washington, Sept. 15.—American consuls in northern Mexico, which now has become the chief battleground between the contending factions, have been advised by the state department not only to notify American citizens to withdraw from the danger zones, but to leave Mexico themselves if conditions become intolerable.

Secretary Lansing today described the instructions to consuls as simply precautionary. They are similar to those given American consuls in Europe whenever the contending armies saw near cities previously untouched by the fighting.

Obregon's rapid advance into northern Mexico, and frequent reports of lawlessness on the border led to the present measures, according to state department officials. The only formal announcement on the subject was as follows:

"Owing to disturbed conditions prevailing along the Mexican border, the department repeats the advice heretofore given to American citizens to remain on this side of the international line for the present."

As soon as American citizens have withdrawn, there will be no necessity, in the opinion of high officials, for the consuls to remain, but it was denied that they had been ordered to leave, discretion being vested in the consuls themselves. The notifications extended to consuls in Torreón, Chihuahua, Hermosillo, Guaymas, Nogales and Juarez. Latest telegrams to the department tonight indicated a general exodus.

At the Villa Washington agency the department's action was received with resentment. Enrique C. Llorente, Villa's representative, issued a statement saying:

"The provisional government finds difficulty in giving credence to the reports of the state department's action but in view of statements such as officials explained that this was because depredations and lawlessness were occurring principally along the boundaries controlled by Villa it cannot refrain from vigorous protest against such imputations."

"While it is notorious that the failure of General Carranza to control his forces has resulted in the rails into American territory in the vicinity of Brownsville, it is equally well known that depredations and lawlessness have been entirely absent in the territory controlled by General Villa in northern Mexico, particularly along the border of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, with which the Mexican states of Chihuahua and Sonora join."

"General Villa has provided ample forces, in every part of the territory his forces control, to safeguard the lives of foreigners."

Renewed depredations by the Yaqui Indians were reported in state department dispatches today. A marauding band was said to have crossed the Yaqui river near Chumam Lopez, but no details were received.

## THINKS TROUBLE NEARLY OVER

Bernstorff Thinks American-German  
Difficulties Will Soon be Settled.

New York, Sept. 15.—Settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Germany within a fortnight was predicted by Count Bernstorff, the German ambassador, here today shortly after his return from Washington. Questioned by a newspaper man, Count Bernstorff said:

"Ordinarily, I give only prepared interviews over my signature. Today I shall make no exception. You may say for me that I am sure that within a fortnight all supposed difficulties between the United States and Germany will have been settled and permanently settled, and the nations will be more friendly than they ever have been."

## PEACE PROSPECTS SMALL.

This is the Opinion of Dr. Aletta  
Jacobs.

Washington, Sept. 15.—President Wilson was told today by Dr. Aletta H. Jacobs of Amsterdam, Holland, that there is little prospect of European peace. Dr. Jacobs was one of the delegates to the world's peace conference held at The Hague several months ago.

Dr. Jacobs talked with the President about the plan of women peace advocates for united action for peace through the United States and other neutral nations. She said later that she did not expect the President would take any steps immediately.

## STRONGER PATROLS ON MEXICAN BORDER

Mexicans Begin Celebration of 150th  
Anniversary of Their Inde-  
pendence.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 15.—Mexicans on both sides of the Rio Grande tonight began the celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Mexico's independence with much hilarity, but so far as reports received at Fort Brown indicate, without disorder. As a precaution against riotous demonstrations, United States army patrols along the international boundary were strengthened today and citizens of the border counties were deputized as special police to aid county peace officers in the event of an outbreak.

At San Benito, where the situation last night was considered menacing, conditions today were quiet. Several troops of cavalry were hurried to San Benito when it was reported that Mexicans were planning reprisals because of the killing of three of their countrymen, who attempted to escape from county officers. The Mexicans killed were suspected of implication in the attack on a detachment of United States troops at Los Indios Tuesday and were being removed from San Benito to Harlingen for safekeeping, when, according to the officers who had them in custody, they made a break for liberty. Two other men arrested at Los Indios were placed in the Brownsville jail today.

It was learned today that the band of men who appeared on the Mexican side of the border opposite La Feria, Texas, yesterday bearing red flags were Carranza soldiers. The flags, it was stated, were regimental symbols. The firing of several shots across the Rio Grande from the Texas bank of the river last night also was explained today. Members of a sheriff's posse admitted doing the shooting, but asserted that they were merely shooting at a target. The officers were reprimanded.

## WINTHROP OPENS.

Nearly 1,000 Students Present the  
First Day.

Rock Hill Special to Charleston News and Courier, Sept. 15.—Today's opening at Winthrop College was the greatest in her history, there being very nearly a thousand students present. But for the unavoidable incidents that will occur at the last moment there would have been a few more than a thousand, and this will probably be the number in a few days. Mayor James C. Hardin spoke in behalf of the city, the Rev. Dr. Wells for the churches and Representative W. J. Cherry for the state.

President Johnson was greeted with prolonged cheers when he arose to make his opening talk. The girls are immensely proud that he was made head of the N. E. A.

## ROUMANIA PREPARING.

But Situation is Not Considered Im-  
mediately Menacing.

Athens, Sept. 15.—The situation on the Roumanian frontier is not considered immediately menacing by persons in official circles here, especially in view of the fact that Roumania is not yet fully prepared for eventualities. The tenseness of the situation has prompted steps, however, for a closer understanding between Greece, Roumania and Serbia with a view to eventual action in the event of an Austro-German attack.

Bulgaria has not been included in these negotiations, for it now is admitted that the Turco-Bulgarian agreement finally has been signed and that Bulgaria will not accept concessions.

## DEATH CLAIMS COKER PRESIDENT

Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D.,  
Passes Away in Florence  
Hospital.

BURIAL AT HARTSVILLE.

Distinguished Educator Interred  
Thursday—Accomplished Much  
for Church and Education.

Hartsville Special to The State, Sept. 15.—The Rev. Howard Lee Jones, D. D., president of Coker College, died at 7 o'clock this morning in a hospital at Florence. The well known educator had been in ill health for several months and had sought rest and treatment away from home, hoping to recover before the beginning of the new college session on September 23. Following a decline a few days ago he was taken to a hospital in Florence, but his frail constitution could not respond and the end came this morning. Members of the family were at his bedside.

The body was brought to Hartsville this afternoon and the funeral will be held in the auditorium of Coker College tomorrow at 12 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. E. V. Baldy, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Hartsville, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Sowers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Florence. By request of Dr. Jones, interment will be at the First Baptist church.

He is survived by his wife and four children—two girls and two boys—his mother and four brothers. His mother, Mrs. John William Jones, and his brother, Dr. Ashby M. Jones, of Augusta, Ga., are here. The other brothers are Dr. Carter Helm Jones, Seattle, Wash.; Frank Jones, a lawyer of New York, and Dr. E. Pendleton Jones of Edgefield.

Howard Lee Jones was born on April 29, 1871, at Lexington, Va. His father was the Rev. John William Jones, D. D., who married Miss Judith Page Helm. His father was chaplain of Washington College, Lexington, during the presidency of Gen. Robert E. Lee and served as chaplain in General Lee's army. Dr. Jones' youth was spent in Richmond, Va., where for 20 years his father was secretary of the Southern Historical Society. He attended the famous school of John Paten McGuire and secured his collegiate education at Wake Forest College and Washington and Lee University. His theological education was acquired at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

In 1894 he married Miss Mary Brockebrough Semms, daughter of Col. Thomas M. Semms, professor of modern languages at the Virginia Military Institute. His pastorates included three years at David Fork, Ky.; seven years at the Baptist church of the Epiphany, New York; four years at the First Baptist church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; six years at the Citadel Square Baptist church, Charleston. He resigned the latter charge in May, 1914, to become president of Coker College.

He entered upon his duties here in June, 1914, and although his career was of short duration, he accomplished much for the institution and endeared himself to the people of Hartsville. His death is a loss to education not only in South Carolina but in the South.

## MANNING FOR RURAL CREDITS.

Governor Expected to Deal With  
Subject in His Message.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—It is very probable that Governor Manning will deal with rural credits in his annual message which will be sent to the next general assembly. This is the first intimation of the matters that the governor intends to call to the attention of the lawmakers.

Governor Manning has been studying the question for a long time, and is looking about for the best practical suggestions to be made to the lawmakers.

While in Washington tomorrow, Governor Manning will hold a conference with experts of the national department of agriculture relative to rural credits.